

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on March 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 325, 3/9/2017; HB 352, 3/9/2017

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON HB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 325, Create exemption for raw milk producers.

00:03:08 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:27 Chris Rosenau, author of HB 325
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a01\)](#)

00:14:10 Frank White, self
00:19:29 Denise Peterson, self
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a02\)](#)

00:21:28 Annie Bukacek, self
00:22:36 Rep. Mike Hopkins, HD 92, self
00:26:11 Amber Sutter, self
00:28:58 Ellen McLean, self
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a03\)](#)

00:29:23 Dave Hester, state director, Americans for Prosperity
00:32:17 Abigail Wehrman, self
00:34:47 Hannah Wehrman, self
00:36:11 Cameron Krizek, self
00:38:15 Mitch Rosenau, self
00:40:01 Mike Wehrman, self
00:40:55 Jennifer Holmes, dairy farmer, Lifeline Creamery, Victor
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a04\)](#)

00:42:55 Quincy OrHai, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:00 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Montana Milk Producers Association
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a05\)](#)

00:53:42 Joe Russell, health officer, Flathead City-County Health Department;
representing Montana Public Health Association
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a06\)](#)

00:57:12 Marty Zaluski, state veterinarian and administrator, Animal Health Division,
Department of Livestock (DOL)
[EXHIBIT\(ags58a07\)](#)

01:02:03 Shannon Therriault, director, Environmental Health, Missoula City-County Health Department; representing Montana Environmental Health Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a08\)](#)

01:04:41 Greg Holzman, state medical officer, Department of Public Health and Human Services

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a09\)](#)

01:08:01 Jeanne Rankin, president, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a10\)](#)

01:12:49 Jim Murphy, bureau chief, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a11\)](#)

01:19:19 Matt Kelley, health officer, Gallatin City-County Health Department; chair, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a12\)](#)

01:23:16 Sen. Salomon entered the meeting.

01:23:47 Taylor Brown, cattle producer, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a13\)](#)

01:30:32 Dan Turcotte, bureau chief, Milk & Egg Bureau, Department of Livestock

01:33:58 Susan Brown, dairy farmer, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a14\)](#)

01:34:51 Doug Kamerman, dairy farmer, Dairyland Farms, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a15\)](#)

01:37:30 Greg Dorrington, lobbyist, Montana Medical Association

01:38:10 Eric Bergman, representing Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

01:39:15 Darcia Patten, cattle rancher, self

01:39:47 Ed Waldner, vice president, Montana Milk Producers Association

01:41:45 Ike Wurz, member, Cascade Colony

01:42:17 Ruben Wurz, member, Big Stone Colony

01:42:53 Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association and Montana Restaurant Association

Informational Testimony:

01:43:40 Chad Lee, bureau chief, Milk Control Bureau, Montana Department of Livestock

01:44:28 Dan Stusek, land board advisor, Government Relations, State Auditor's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:06 Sen. MacDonald

01:47:00 Rep. Ballance

01:48:05 Sen. MacDonald

01:48:21 Rep. Ballance
01:48:47 Sen. Lang
01:49:13 Ms. Rosenau, self
01:49:42 Sen. Lang
01:49:52 Mr. Zaluski, DOL
01:50:07 Sen. Swandal
01:50:18 Ms. Rosenau
01:53:05 Sen. Swandal
01:53:31 Ms. Rosenau
01:54:00 Sen. Swandal
01:54:12 Mr. Zaluski
01:54:35 Sen. Swandal
01:54:43 Sen. Olszewski
01:55:18 Rep. Ballance
01:55:31 Sen. Olszewski
01:56:02 Rep. Ballance
01:56:23 Sen. Olszewski
01:56:47 Rep. Ballance
01:57:09 Sen. MacDonald
01:57:33 Mr. Bergman, MFU

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:48 Rep. Ballance
02:03:18 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON HB 352

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:08:17 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 352, Provide for the Montana Local Food Choice Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:15:11 Quincy OrHai, self
02:16:48 Annie Bukacek, self
02:18:11 Amber Sutter, self
02:19:58 Ms. Bukacek, self
02:21:05 Chairman Hoven
02:21:23 Cathie Warren, self

Opponents' Testimony:

02:23:00 Marty Zaluski, state veterinarian and administrator, Animal Health Division, Department of Livestock (DOL)

02:23:49 Joe Russell, health officer, Flathead City-County Health Department; adjunct instructor, National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Louisiana State University and University of Tennessee Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness

EXHIBIT(ags58a16)

02:26:56 Eric Bergman, representing Montana Farmers Union

02:28:09 Kathy Williams, self

02:38:19 Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association and Montana Restaurant Association

02:39:50 Gary Hamel, bureau chief, Meat Inspection Bureau, Department of Livestock

02:45:24 Dustin Schreiner, sanitarian, Gallatin City-County Health Department

EXHIBIT(ags58a17)

02:48:34 Shannon Therriault, director, Environmental Health, Missoula City-County Health Department; representing Montana Environment Health Association

EXHIBIT(ags58a18)

02:52:34 Mike More, representing Joan More, business owner, Murry's Cafe

02:53:23 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Montana Milk Producers Association

EXHIBIT(ags58a19)

02:55:01 Jeanne Rankin, president, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

02:57:23 Dan Turcotte, bureau chief, Milk & Egg Bureau, Department of Livestock

03:00:40 Jim Murphy, bureau chief, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services

EXHIBIT(ags58a20)

03:05:36 Greg Dorrington, lobbyist, Montana Medical Association

03:05:58 Dennis Voeller, Gallatin County Fairgrounds

03:07:21 Matt Kelley, health officer, Gallatin City-County Health Department; chair, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

03:09:01 Taylor Brown, farmer, self

Informational Testimony:

03:12:59 Chad Lee, bureau chief, Milk Control Bureau, Montana Department of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:13:54 Rep. Hertz

03:22:53 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:26 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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